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AIR FREIGHT DOWN 2.9 PER CENT IN FIRST TEN MONTHS DOWN 11.3 PER CENT IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 3--The U.S. scheduled airlines recorded a 2.9 per cent decline in air freight in domestic and international service in the first ten months of 1980 compared with the same period in 1979, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight was down 5.2 per cent from the first ten months of 1979. Mail increased 11.2 per cent. International air freight increased 0.6 per cent, while mail increased 2.7 per cent.

Total air cargo, which consists of freight and mail, in both domestic and international service, decreased 1.0 per cent from the first ten months of last year.

Total air freight decreased 11.3 per cent in October compared with October 1979. Domestic air freight decreased 7.6 per cent while international freight was down 16.7 per cent for the months of October.

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U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

Revenue Ton Miles
(In Thousands)

	Domestic			International			Total	TOTAL
	Freight	Mail	Total	Freight	Mail	Total	Freight	CARGO
October - 1980	289,765	79,978	369,743	183,824	27,133	210,957	473,589	580,700
October - 1979	313,476	71,599	385,075	220,567	25,836	246,403	534,043	631,478
% Change	-7.6	+11.7	-4.0	-16.7	+5.0	-14.4	-11.3	-8.0
10 Months-1980	2,662,479	741,380	3,403,859	1,842,137	254,343	2,096,480	4,504,616	5,500,339
10 Months-1979	2,808,297	666,863	3,475,160	1,830,389	247,654	2,078,043	4,638,686	5,553,203
% Change	-5.2	+11.2	-2.1	+0.6	+2.7	+0.9	-2.9	-1.0

Note: These figures do not include the international operations of Northwest Airlines.

Carriers included: Airlift, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, Republic, Republic West, Texas International, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.